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The news came through on the radio this morning that General Eisenhower had completed his tour of Korea and was on his way home. Although hundreds of people knew [redacted] he had gone out there, the press, with unwonted discretion, never allowed any notice of it, so far as I can ascertain, to be published. This is excellent, and I think all Americans regardless of p ty are deeply relieved over his safety.

Martin Herz came to see me this morning and we talked about France.

Drew Pearson called on me. He advocated that we use whatever measures might be appropriate to have the Attorney General bring grand jury proceedings against the China lobby. His second concern was over the activities of the Hungarian Minister to the United States. Pearson would like the Hungarian to be sent home on the allegation that he has been fomenting Communist movements against the security of our Government. He says [redacted] he will attempt to gather material to substantiate this charge.

Ted Tannenwald called on me. He returned a few days ago from a trip around the world and had [redacted] interesting observations to make on our diplomatic and aid programs in the Far East.

Messrs. Perkins, Matthews and ~~others met with me on the Trieste~~ question. We have decided to go ahead on a unilateral basis and present a proposed solution to de Gasperi.

I took George Perkins to lunch at The 1925 F Street Club.

Frank Gowen came in this afternoon to say goodbye.

Afterwards I saw Messrs. Linder, Asher and Leddy on economic matters.

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I talked to Butch Fisher about [redacted] my conversation with Pearson on the China lobby, and Fisher will communicate directly with him.

Joanne and Herbert Elliston came to dinner with me and we had a long talk afterwards. Evangeline had gone out for dinner. Herbert's health has improved somewhat but I should judge him still to be a sick man, although he is again writing many editorials.

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